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IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
YOICHI OZAWA ET AL : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION  
SERIAL NO: NEW U.S. PCT APPLN :  
(Based on PCT/JP00/04453)  
FILED: HEREWITH :  
FOR: SOYBEAN-GERM OIL AND :  
METHOD FOR THE PRODUCTION  
OF GERM-ENRICHED SOYBEAN  
MATERIAL

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as shown on the marked-up copy following this amendment to read as follows:

A1 3. (Amended) A soybean material containing 15-80% by weight of the germ content, which is produced by the method according to Claim 1.

A2 6. (Amended) Oil prepared from a soybean material containing 15-80% by weight of the germ content which is produced by the method according to Claim 1.

A3 8. (Amended) Oil according to Claim 4, in which a content of Campesterol in the total sterol is 7.0-14% by weight or less.